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Weekly Update

It's the fraternal thing to do -- the Ohio State Moose Association's program!

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Gots your ducks in a row with regard to meeting your Lodge quota? You've still got time!



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Don't Forget!  **gimme five!**

Mark May 24th in your calendars!



It's Graduation
and Pilgrim
Conferral Time
At Mooseheart!

Got your bus
trip planned?

The 2008 Pilgrim Degree of Merit conferral will take place in the House of God at Mooseheart, 12:00 NOON, Saturday, May 24th. You are encouraged to be present to meet and greet the newest recipients of our Order's highest degree.

In addition, Mooseheart's 91st Annual Commencement Exercises will take place at 9:00 A.M. that morning in the Mooseheart Fieldhouse.

A buffet luncheon is available to all mooseheart visitors following the Pilgrim ceremony and tickets are sold at the picnic area south of the Mooseheart Recreation Bldg.

Create a "PDF" file when sending an attachment -- puuhleeeese!

Your editor has received word that many -- Chapters, in particular -- receive emails with attachments that they cannot open because the attachments have been created with "EXCEL" or some such, and, lacking those programs, the attachments cannot be opened.

"PDF" files are the answer, for they seem to be the universal choice. Let's make communicating with each other as easy as possible, eh?

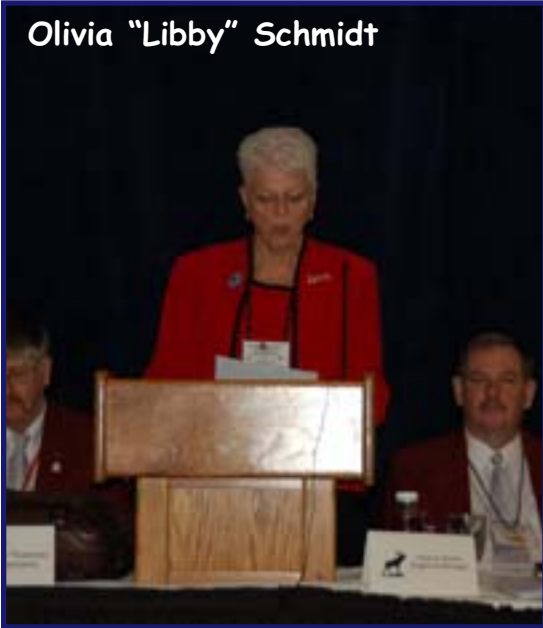


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"Joint Session" at Mid-Year Captivates Delegates!

Olivia "Libby" Schmidt



Past Grand Council Member Olivia "Libby" Schmidt and MH Bd. of Directors member Robert Neff wow delegates and with insights and sense of mission.

Robert A. Neff



BELOW:
Delegates listen attentively to the various reports.

With the scheduled "I Believe" video presentation setting the tone for the Joint Session of the Women of the Moose and the Loyal Order of Moose, Official Visitors Schmidt and Neff picked up the ball with their sterling insights into the program of the Moose and the roles we played.

The report of PSG Tom Hatcher, National Chairman, and Chuck Staughler, Regional Chairman of the "Gimme 5" campaign to fund MH/MH set the stage for the WOTM's parade of checks to support the OSMA Special Project, the Special Olympics Ohio.

(Pictures of this event are continued on next page . . .)



Joint Session Marks a Great Gathering of the men and women of the Moose



TOP LEFT: PSG Tom Hatcher and Regional Chairman Chuck Staugler give a report on the “Gimme 5” campaign. **LEFT:** Speaking on behalf of the WOTM, Findlay Chapter 362, Karol Smith praises the “Gimme 5.” **ABOVE:** Deputy Grand Regent Sherry Fry happily accepts checks from Chapters for the Special Olympics Ohio fund. **BELOW LEFT:** “Stage Left & Right” of the head table includes the watchful eyes of the District Presidents of the Association.



Chairman Rodney Seabert Announces 2008 Moose of the Year for Ohio



It is unfortunate that Vernon L. Frank, Harrison Moose Lodge 2633 was unable to attend the Mid-Year Conference, but fellow lodge member Emil Burgland was able to accept his award for him. Administrator Bob Goldsmith of 2633 lends a hand.

Chairman Seabert beats his head (almost literally) each year in his attempt to get ALL Ohio Lodges to submit a Moose of the Year entrant. One wonders how if a Lodge's doors are open that the Lodge can have no Moose of the Year nominee! **SOMEONE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT!** That "someone" can be the Lodge's nominee, even if it's the same guy every year. Come on, Administrators and Governor's! Get with the program!

Circle Of strength

The parked motor cart, spare oxygen tank visible, demonstrates the strength of Our Defending Circle. Ohio Moose look out for one another and do it for no other than a simple, fraternal one. "It's the thing to do!"

When folks like your editor, Jim Grandy, can't otherwise attend important functions such as Mid-Year Conference and Annual Convention, you have to decide whether it's more important to have his participation and, if so, how to accommodate him.

Grandy, who has use of a mere 22% of his lung capacity and thus cannot handle the long walk-ways of the hotel, is, not the only handicapped person in our midst.



Brother Bill Phelps long has taken advantage of a motorized cart to get about. One remembers the courage and love exercised by Pilgrim Don Balentine in wheeling about his beloved Pat for all those many years.

To be sure, within our fraternity, there lies a "circle of strength" which seems ever ready to come to the aid of a fellow Moose.

As Fraternal Programs Chairman Don Freed says so often, "It's just the right thing to do!"



Still talkin' the talk and walkin' the walk --

Ohio Moose across the state continue to show their commitment to strengthening our Defending Circle!

While Ohio might not be performing up to the standard of the quota arbitrarily set by Moose International, Ohio is still "hangin' in there" in membership production. Regional Manager Brown has recently set into play several strategies for both the WOTM and the LOOM to strengthen our Defending Circle by restoring former members and by bringing in new members.

Below is the list of the latest 25 Club and higher Divisions:

25 Club

Emil R Bergland, Cincinnati 2
Kenneth L Werner, Greenville 329
John Loverich, Upper Sandusky 1093
Alex Hart, Bryan 1064
Philip Berry, Ashland 1383
Floyd A Woolever, Circleville 2440

50 DIVISION

Robert K Wolf, Norwood 301
Ralph T Shiley, Tiffin 846
Jim O'Neil, Miamisburg 1645

75 DIVISION

Tom Kuhar, Marion 889
James M Azbell, Lancaster 955.

CENTURY DIVISION

Joseph L Worley, Piqua 1067

150 DIVISION

Grady A Gausmann, Cincinnati 2
Ronald L Johnson, Sr., Kenton 428

And we aren't done yet: Following are our new Ohio Club 5 earners of a hooded sweat-shirt:

Ronald L Johnson, Sr., Kenton 428
David K Hess, Newark 499
Edgar Middleton, Middletown 501
Marc Schiele, Uhrichsville 740
William DeHart, Barberton 759
Larry Wilfong, Barberton 759
Alex Hart, Bryan 1064
Terry Ray, Ravenna 1234
James Ludwig, Newcomerstown 1337
Daniel E Bobbitt, Circleville 2440

W.O.T.M.

Sandy Baughman, Zanesville 663
Traci D Valentine, Waverly 7668
Kimberly Yates, Ironton 1847





Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



I know that the lovely weather, faint on Sunday but truly "there" on Monday and Tuesday was enough to tantalize even the most staunch of the "I'm not going there until it's dry under foot!" Those of us who did play, however, discovered a couple of things: It was indeed sloppy as hell underfoot AND we still had a bunch of bad shots in the bag!

OBSERVATION #19 - SINCE BAD SHOTS COME IN GROUPS OF THREE, A FOURTH BAD SHOT IS ACTUALLY THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT GROUP OF THREE!

I'm going to wrap up this column in a couple of weeks for obvious reasons--yep! I'll be on the golf course! So let me leave this week's column with these two bits of sage advise:

- 1) Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you!
- 2) Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously, it won't work, AND BOTH ARE EXPENSIVE AS HELL!

**IN A SORT OF DISLEXIC (SP?) SPASM,
DID YOU EVER REALLY THINK THAT
KANSAS COULD BEAT MEMPHIS IN THE
N.C.A.A.S?**

